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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: AIR CHARTER NEGOTIATION - PAN AMERICAN
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1. SUMMARY: GOY CONCERNED ABOUT AIR CHARTER PROBLEM AND ANXIOUS TO FIND FORMULA ACCEPTABLE TO U. S. YUGOSLAVS NOT PRESENTLY INSISTING ON 300 FLIGHTS FROM U. S. IN 1973. GOY WANTS INTERIM ARRANGEMENT FOR 1973 THAT WOULD PRODUCE 150 FLIGHTS. THIS CERTAINLY MORE REASONABLE THAN PAST YUGOSLAV POSITION AND WE URGE DEPARTMENT WORK SOMETHING OUT WITH YUGOSLAVS ALONG THESE LINES.

2. ECONOMIC/ COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR DISCUSSED AIR CHARTER ISSUE WITH FONOFFICE DEPUTY DIRECTOR AMERICAN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, NAUM ACKOVSKI, ON MARCH 5; WE FOLLOWED- UP ON MARCH 8 AND 12 DRAWING ON REF A AND STRESSING (A) NEED FOR CONCRETE INDICATION THAT GOY PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF WHAT IS POSSIBLE; (B) THAT U. S. PREPARED TO RESUME CHARTER NEGOTIATION AT ANY TIME WHEN DISPARITY IN POSITIONS HAD BEEN REDUCED; (C) APPROVAL OF PAN AM PERMIT AND IMPROVEMENT IN SCHEDULED U. S. AIRLINE SERVICES WOULD HELP REMOVE OBSTACLE TO CHARTER NEGOTIATIONS. WE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT GOY WOULD RECONSIDER ITS POSITION ON RENEWAL OF PAN AM PERMIT AND TAKE POSITIVE ACTION ON
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CERTAIN U. S. AIRLINE CHARTER APPLICATIONS.

2. ACKOVSKI AGREED THAT AIR CHARTER NEGOTIATIONS HAD BECOME SERIOUS ISSUE AND IT WAS ESSENTIAL FROM POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POINT OF VIEW FIND SATISFACTORY FORMULA FOR 1973. GOY UNDERSTANDS U. S. POINT OF VIEW AND AUTHORITIES ARE ANXIOUS TO FIND SOLUTION BECAUSE TOURIST SEASON APPROACHING.

3. ACKOVSKI SAID GOY WAS NOT PRESENTLY INSISTING ON 300 FLIGHTS FROM U. S. IN 1973. GOY AUTHORITIES WERE WORKING ON FORMULA THAT WOULD PRODUCE 150 FLIGHTS FROM U. S. IN 1973 AND 40 FLIGHTS FROM YUGOSLAVIA. HE THOUGHT ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THIS FORMULA WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS: (A) UNLIMITED ACCESS TO THREE NON- MAJOR U. S. POINTS (EXCLUDING NEW YORK, LOS ANGELES, AND CHICAGO); (B) IN ADDITION AN UPLIFT RATIO OF 3:1 (IN TERMS OF FLIGHTS) FOR ALL OTHER POINTS. ACKOVSKI SAID FONOFFICE WOULD SEND AN INSTRUCTION TO YUGOSLAV EMBASSY ALONG THESE LINES IN NEXT FEW DAYS. HE SUGGESTED THAT YUGOSLAV EMBASSY WOULD BE AUTHORIZED DISCUSS PROBLEM AND SIGN AN INTERIM AGREEMENT FOR 1973; HE DID NOT FEEL IT NECESSARY TO SEND YUGOSLAV DELEGATION TO U. S. FOR THAT PURPOSE. HE SAID BROADER CHARTER NEGOTITIONS COULD BE CONTINUED AT LATER DATE.

4. RE PAN AM OPERATING PERMIT ACKOVSKI DID NOT THINK THIS WAS INTENDED AS PRESSURE TACTIC. IN ANY CASE, HE DID NOT SEE ANY PROBLEM WITH RENEWAL OF PAN AM OPERATING PERMIT AND CLAIMED TO BE UNAWARE OF LACK OF POSITIVE ACTION ON OTHER U. S. AIRLINE CHARTER APPLICATIONS.

5. COMMENT: GOY RECOGNIZES POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE OF AIR CHARTER ISSUE AND HAS MADE SERIOUS EFFORT TO FIND FORMULA ACCEPTABLE TO U. S. GOY INFORMAL POSITION OUTLINED IN PARA 3 CLEARLY MORE REASONABLE THAN PREVIOUS YUGOSLAV POSITION AND WE STRONGLY URGE DEPARTMENT TO WORK OUT SOMETHING WITH YUGOSLAVS ALONG THESE LINES FOR REASONS STATED IN REF B. TOON

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